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REMARKS

Claims 5-9 and 12-29 are pending in the present application. Claims 10 and 11 have been canceled, and Claim 29 has been added to claim subject matter described in at least paragraph 48 of the present application. Reconsideration of the presently pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims, and the below remarks.

Claim Rejections pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §101

Claim 8 was rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended Claim 8 as suggested by the Examiner in the office action mailed September 25, 2006. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection of Claim 8.

Claim Rejections pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102 and 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 5 and 8-12 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0119562 to Kokubo (hereinafter "Kokubo"). In addition, Claims 6, 7, and 13-28 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of Kokubo and U.S. Patent No. 7,016,706 to Kurokawa et al. (hereinafter "Kurokawa"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections since each and every limitation of the presently pending claims are not described or suggested by Kokubo or Kurokawa alone or in combination.

For example, amended Claim 5 describes that the processing means is further operable to deliver the stored event data to the resumed application program to adjust further operation of the resumed application program to be responsive to the cause of the suspension. Kokubo, on the other hand, fails to describe that further operation of a resumed application program is adjusted by delivery of stored event data as described in Claim 5. It follows that Kokubo cannot possibly describe delivery of stored event data to adjust further operation of a resumed application to be responsive to a cause of a suspension as also described in Claim 5. To the contrary, Kokubo is silent in this regard, and simply describes that a most recent state of a task is restored. (paragraphs 65, 74 and 84) Kurokawa is similarly silent.

In another example, the method of amended Claim 8 describes displaying with the resumed application program a message related to the cause of the suspension based on the delivered event data. Not only do Kokubo and/or Kurokawa fail to describe displaying a message with the resumed application, but also, neither reference describes displaying a

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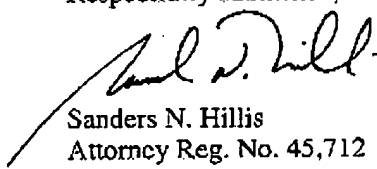
message related to the cause of a suspension based on delivered event data as described in Claim 8.

In still another example, amended Claim 9 describes instructions stored in the memory to generate a message with the resumed application that notifies a user of the first predetermined event. Neither Kokubo nor Kurokawa describe generation of a message with a resumed application as described in Claim 9. In addition, neither Kokubo nor Kurokawa describe generation of a message that notifies a user of the first predetermined event as also described in Claim 9.

For at least the foregoing reasons, the cited references either alone or in combination fail to teach or suggest each and every limitation of amended claims 5, 8, and 9, or the Claims dependent therefrom. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections of the pending claims.

With this amendment and response, Applicant believes that the present pending claims of this application are allowable, and respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting allowance/examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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